

#### 4/8/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John

Today the Methyl Container that was located at the Terminex facility in St. Croix, was transported to a secure location at a USVI Department of Waste Management. The transport was conducted with DPNR resources, and OSC and EPA CID oversight. The container was over-packed and secured with a lock, and placed in a locked, and unoccupied building. **Please Note:** yesterday it was noted that the Methyl Bromide container that was located at the Terminex storage unit on St. Thomas was transported to a secure location at the University of USVI. A decision was made in the field to transport the container to a different facility. The location is at the DPNR Maritime Enforcement Facility in Cruz Bay. The transport was conducted with DPNR resources, and OSC and EPA CID oversight. The container was over-packed and secured with a lock, and placed in a locked storage trailer, which is in a secure fenced area. The container and its transport was photo documented, and cylinder information was provided to the distributor of the Methyl Bromide container (Great Lakes Chemical). This information was requested so arrangements can be made for the transport of the container off-island.

Today 5 paramedics who responded to the 3/18 incident were interviewed. The last paramedic should be interviewed on 4/9. All Sirenusa staff who accessed the fumigated Units were interviewed today. On 4/9 St. Thomas hospital staff will be interviewed by ATSDR. Guest interviews are ongoing. ATSDR continues to coordinate with the USVI DOH regarding clearance values for re-occupancy of the effected condominiums. EPA OSCs are assisting ATSDR with logistical support.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island. 24-hour Summa canisters will be taken in the beginning of the week of 4/13. Results of these samples will assist decision makers in the clearing of the condos for re-occupancy.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 2 OSCs, 1 EPA CID and 1 RST contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, The St. John Fire Department, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.